



Oifig an Stiúirthóra Náisiúnta  
Géaroibriochtai

Aonad 4A, Áras Dargan, An Ceantar Theas,  
An Bóthar Míleata, Cill Mhaighneann, Baile  
Átha Cliath 8, D08 NN9V

Office of the National Director  
Acute Operations

Unit 4a, the Dargan Building,  
Heuston South Quarter, Military  
Road, Kilmainham, Dublin 8, D08  
NN9V

[www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie)  
[@hselive](mailto:@hselive)

t 01 7959972

e

[acutehospitals@hse.ie](mailto:acutehospitals@hse.ie)

01<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Deputy Pádraig Mac Lochlainn  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ 54364/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals that will be allocated funding for obesity surgery in 2023; and the number of such procedures to be funded. -Pádraig Mac Lochlainn**

**PQ 54363/22 - To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE Service Plan for 2023 will include funding for obesity surgery; and the number of such procedures to be funded. -Pádraig Mac Lochlainn**

Dear Deputy Mac Lochlainn,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

A letter of approval for recurrent funding for adult obesity management, including obesity surgery, has been issued to St. Vincent's, St. Columcille's, Galway University Hospital, and Mallow General Hospital. A letter of approval for recurrent funding for children's obesity management, including obesity surgery, has also been issued to CHI Temple Street. Recruitment is underway and activity is expected to commence in 2023 to deliver c.500 procedures nationally per annum.

The HSE Service Plan for 2023 will include €6.4m in funding for obesity management, including obesity surgery. This funding was approved in 2022 and will enable the health service to recruit circa 60 full-time WTE's to deliver approximately 500 procedures and up to 1000 new outpatient appointments.

I trust this answers your questions.

Yours sincerely,

**Nessa Lynch**  
**General Manager**  
**Acute Operations**